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RSES Region 9
"The Great Midwest"
FROM THE INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT:

Hello!

It is that time of year again, where we are half way through the summer and the International Conference in Indianapolis, Indiana is not far off.

There are several Auxiliary Programs planned, one on women’s interests on Thursday and one on women’s health on Friday as well as the pre-conference tours.

Please remember to bring children’s books to the conference; we will be donating the books to Riley Hospital for Children in Indianapolis this year. The hospital provides clinical services for children, and education for clinicians, as well as doing research on medical disorders of children.

It has been a busy year for me both professionally and personally as I know it has been for many of you. As this year has flown by, I have gained a greater appreciation and understanding that it is people – friends, family, and acquaintances – who make our life worthwhile. I have appreciated the opportunity to attend other conferences and meet new people in the association. I would like to thank SWRA, CARSES, and MWRA for inviting me to their conferences and for the hospitality that we received.

Wishing you all safe travels, hope to see you in September.

Susan J. Eckstein
RSESA President

FROM OUR VICE PRESIDENT:

Dear Fellow Auxiliary Members:

As I write this article we are traveling back from Ann Arbor, Michigan where we attended a cousin’s wedding. We drove with my parents, and it was so wonderful to gather with cousins for a happy occasion, especially since we hadn’t seen each other in years.

While we drove through Indianapolis, it brought to mind that we’d be back within two months. I am very excited about the tours and the programs that are being offered in Indy. I have driven through Indianapolis many times in my life but have never had the chance to see the many sites of interest that exist. Both tour days sound jam-packed and the Auxiliary programs look like they will be a lot of fun and informative.

With a little help from me, Sandy Ralston has been working very hard to help pull together a slate of officers for next year. If you know of someone interested in serving on the Board or being part of a committee, please contact me or another Board member. Very often we hear after the fact that someone who would have liked to be considered was not asked. Since this in an International Organization, we don’t know everyone and we need your help.

As our Indy trip gets closer I realize how much I am looking forward to hearing family updates and getting to know more of you. Praying for safe travel for all and remember, “Laugh Often, Live Well, Love Much” and try – “To Make Life Worthwhile” for someone each day.

Denise Ziegelbein
Vice President
FROM OUR PUBLICITY DIRECTOR:

As usual the time is flying by. It won't be long before we are in Indianapolis for the conference. Maybe I am getting old, but it doesn't seem possible. Also, this will be my last article as an officer/director, after many years of holding some position I feel that it is time for me to step down. I have two years that I will always remember. The first is 2002 at the conference in Las Vegas with all the support I received as president after losing Jay. The second is 2006 in Atlanta when I was made an honorary member. What a surprise and honor. RSESA has really made my life worthwhile.

As usual, I have kept busy with flowers in my yard. We have been fortunate to have more rain this year than last, but need some now. It seems that all showers go around us, so I keep busy watering. At least I still have green grass, and that is something I didn't have last year. When I am not busy with flowers and the yard, it is my day for exercise class. That is three days a week and keeps all my joints and muscles working. As you can tell, the housework takes a back seat. I will catch up on that when everything else is done.

Now for some information on the conference so you will have some idea of what to pack. The temperature in Indianapolis in September usually averages from the low 70s to upper 80s during the day. At night the temperature runs from the low 50s to upper 60s. I would suggest that you pack to dress in layers and maybe bring a sweater or light jacket. Also, you might want to pack a poncho or umbrella for after our boat ride in San Antonio, just in case. It doesn't hurt to be prepared. For those planning to go on the two tours, a lot of walking is involved, so be sure you have some good walking shoes.

Hope this has been an enjoyable summer for everyone. I will see you in September.

Bye for now,

CeeL Hudelson
Publicity Director

FROM OUR IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT:

Hi Everyone,

I sure don't know where the time goes, but it sure does. I can't believe we'll be in Indianapolis in less than two months. It's been a busy year for us; a short trip to California in February for a family celebration; Mid-West conference in March; then we took a week off in June for a vacation in Colorado. I also had a few quilt shop trips in there, including two shops in Colorado Springs. I'm looking forward to seeing all of you at the conference. The tours look like we'll have a great time and be very busy. Have a safe trip.

SandyRalston,
Immediate Past President
FROM OUR TREASURER:

Hello to all from very hot and dry Texas. This time last year when I wrote this article for 2007, it was hot but very wet. Well, this year it’s hot and very dry. We have had several 100 degree days which is really normal for us. Hope all are doing well this summer. This year has gone by so fast and now it’s time for my article for the SIGHT GLASS. As always, I have checked and rechecked all the information in my files and hope that it is correct. So as always, here I go (with apologies to anyone I miss or anyone whose tenure I have listed incorrectly):

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50 YEAR MEMBERS

Winona Harris- Oil Capital

51+ YEAR MEMBERS

Florine Vickrey- Cowtown 53 years
Patty Harp- Oil Capital 56 years
Bernice Thompson- Oil Capital 57 years
Virginia Robison- Oil Capital 58 years
Josephine Nemer- MAL 58 years
Marie Wohrle- MAL 59 years
**reinstated membership

(Treasurer's Report continued)

I've checked and rechecked, so I'm hoping this are right. I compared this list to the list of last year and the figures are a little strange, but several members paid back dues when they paid their 2008 dues so the figures are a little misleading. All I know for sure is that as of July 19, 2008, we have 183 members. Last year (2007) we had 171 members so we are ahead of last year. I had several that were paid with registration through RSESA. Again, as I did last year, I am asking you as a fellow member of RSESA, if you know of someone who has not paid their dues, contact them and see if you can convince them to catch up on their dues. I'll have the books with me at the conference, if you have any questions please see me and we will find an answer.

Looking forward to seeing as many of you as I can at the conference.

Pat McCarthy,
International Treasurer RSESA

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*Chapter formed in 2007
LETTER FROM THE EDITOR:

Happy Summer!

As I put the finishing touches on this my 6th edition of the Sight Glass, I have updated a few items to make the format more interesting. I am amazed how the time has flown. It’s July 30th, and the weather in Downey has been in the high 80s and low 90s — basically good. We actually experienced an earthquake on Wednesday while I was working on this article. Our pool looked like a tsunami had occurred, the cats ran for cover, and the pot rack and chandeliers were set in motion. Living in the Los Angeles area my entire life still has not prepared me for the earth moving.

I registered for the conference on Wednesday; the added savings of registering before August first is a bonus in keeping a few dollars ready to be spent while in Indianapolis.

Be sure to use the Credentials Form (enclosed with this issue) as you need it, and review the “Proposed By-Laws” change which will be voted on at the conference.

I look forward to see old friends and making new ones at the conference.

See you in Indianapolis.

Linda Townsend, Editor

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FROM OUR CREDENTIALS OFFICER

The 2008 International Conference is right around the corner. You should have your delegate papers in by now. For individual members at large you must bring your current paid dues card to the meeting. Be sure to arrive for the meeting a few minutes early so you have time to check in at the Credentials Desk.

Included in this copy of the newsletter, please find a copy of the “Credentials Form” for those who have not submitted one yet.

I look forward to seeing everyone in Indianapolis.

Lynn Hoke
Credentials Officer

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(New)

Section 1 – A member must have reached the age of eighteen (18) years to:

1: Begin membership tenure.

2: Vote at chapter meetings, serves as a voting delegate, serves as an alternate delegate, serve as a proxy or vote as a member-at-large.

3: Hold office.

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The 2008 Annual Conference is early this year, and any proposed constitutional by-law changes must be published 60 days prior to the International Conference. These proposed changes will appear in the “Sight Glass” newsletter in the January, April, and August 2008 issues.

REPORT FROM THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The following is the slate of Officers and Directors to be presented to the voting body of members at the General Business Meeting in Indianapolis.

President: Denise Ziegelbein
Vice President: **
Secretary: Holly Haggard (2nd year)
Treasurer: Linda Townsend
Sgt-at-Arms: Diane Smith
Historian: Sandy Ralston
Membership: Rhonda Hudson
Credentials: Pat Long
Publicity: Bonnie Johnson
Chapter Supplies: Lyn Sherman
Officers’ Activities: Sandy Ralston

** No one has agreed to accept the nomination for Vice President at the time of printing.

Respectfully submitted:
The Nominating Committee
Sandy Ralston, Immediate Past President
Denise Ziegelbein, Vice President
Mid-Southeast Regional Association

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Cordially invites you to participate in our educational conference held annually on a rotating basis throughout the three states of the Mid-Southeast Region.

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October 2, 3, 4 & 5, 2008
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